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SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ & KUWAIT

On 29 November, in addition to the 1,686 correspondents regularly accredited to the United Nations, 214 media personnel from 18 countries were issued one-day passes by DPI to cover the Security Council debate on the situation betwen Iraq and Kuwait. The Department also arranged for nine press pools for photojournalists from 26 news organizations covering the session.

DPI's television coverage of the historic Council session that day was fed by land-line and/or satellite to 15 international and national televsion broadcasting organizations: Visnews, WTN, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, CBC, EBU, NHK, RAI, Group W, McNeil/Lehrer, CONUS, CNBC and FNN. Video tapes of the session went to TVE, USIA, ZDF, Antenne 2, Univision, TV Asahi, CBC-French, CBC-Journal, and Channels 41 and 47. International news syndicators, including Visnews and WTN, disseminated the tape throughout the world.

On 2 December, CNN's *World Report* programme opened with a three-minute video review of the 29 November debate, produced by DPI, which put resolution 678 in its historical context, with film clips from the League of Nations discussions on the problem of Ethiopia and the UN Security Council debates on the Korea and the Congo questions. The segment was also issued as a video feature in the DPI *UN in Action* series.

The cover story of the December issue of the *UN Chronicle*, DPI's quarterly magazine, also focuses on the Iraq-Kuwait situation. A 19-page special section gives the chronology of the crisis, quoting extensively from the Security Council debate.

INFORMATION CENTRES

In conjunction with the Colombian Ministry of Labour and the four Colombian Workers' Associations, UNIC Bogota and the UNDP office in Colombia recently sponsored a four-day seminar on human rights. The Bogota Centre Director spoke on "International Mechanisms for the Defense, Protection and Promotion of Human Rights."

In co-operation with representatives of UNICEF, WFP, FAO, UNFPA, ILO, UNHCR, ITU and UNDP, UNIC Yaounde recently organized a nationwide contest to test the knowledge of students from Cameroonian primary and secondary schools about the United Nations. Awards were presented for the children's essays, poety and art about the UN. Cameroon's Ministers of External Relations, Information, Culture, National Education and Tourism all attended the ceremony.

On UN Day, 24 October, in collaboration with the School of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Ghana, UNIC Accra organized a symposium on the role of the Security Council. Ambassadors to Ghana from the five countries which are Permanent Members of the Council joined the Nigerian High Commissioner in the symposium.

MEDIA

There was extensive media coverage of the 30 November World AIDS Day panel sponsored by the Department and the World Health Organization. The panel's speakers included Antonia Novello, US Surgeon-General, and Mathilda Krim, Co-Chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

ABC's *Eyewitness News* and CBS's *Face to Face* programme both sent video crews to UN Headquarters to tape the panel discussion and used segments in their programmes. DPI also filled requests for video tape from international TV syndicators Visnews and WTN, and from NBC, CBS, WNBC, WCBS, CNN and others. In New York, video clips from the

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UNITED NATIONS

DPI footagewere included in weekend news shows by NBC, CNN and WPIX-INN. The story was covered by CBS Radio and all major news agencies.

PUBLIC OPINION

As part of its on-going programme to test public opinion about how the UN is perceived, DPI last week announced the results of its latest poll conducted in Kenya in April.

According to the poll, over 50 per cent of Kenyans in all socio-demographic groups and from all regions of the country said they had heard of the United Nations. Of those respondents who had heard of the UN, more than half thought it was doing a good job. More than a third could name institutions or bodies in the UN system. More than 39 per cent could name the Secretary-General.

The Kenya poll of a representative sample of 2,000 men and women 15 years of age and over was conducted on DPI's behalf by Research International East Africa Limited.

WOMEN

DPI this week announced publication by the Miguel Angel Porrua group of Mexico of *La participación de la mujer en la administración pública*. The volume, which explores views on women's participation in the managerial ranks of public sector organizations, was compiled from the report of a workshop on career development of managerial women, organized by the UN Department of Technical Co-operation for Development in Bangkok in 1987. Publication was arranged by DPI.

VIDEOS

The DPI video *Breaking Barriers* was selected this month as a finalist in the 1990 International Film and Television Festival of New York. Filmed in China, the Ivory Coast, Thailand, Austria and the US, *Breaking Barriers* demonstrates how many of the 500 million disabled persons worldwide are breaking barriers that could prevent them from achieving their goals.

Founded in 1957, the New York Festival is the major awards event honouring outstanding achievements in the educational, industrial, audio-visual and non-theatrical video fields.

UN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1995, the United Nations will celebrate its 50th anniversary. DPI this week invited staff members to play a part in the preparations by sending DPI Public Services Section their ideas, suggestions or proposals on ways to commemorate this milestone. Staff can contact: DPI/PSS, Room GA-050A, (212) 963-7721.

WHAT'S NEW AND AVAILABLE

REFERENCE GUIDES

Media Handbook. Data on the media in 67 countries. English only. DPI/1021. Available from the UN Bookstore at Headquarters and at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. US$38.00

BOOKS

La participación de la mujer en la administración pública. Women's participation in the managerial ranks of public sector organizations. Spanish only. 155 pages. ISBN 968-842-212-6. Group Miguel Angel Porrua, 0100 Mexico D.F. US$17.00.

MAGAZINES

UN Chronicle. 19-page cover story on "Kuwait: The Crisis." English only. Vol. 27, Issue 4, December 1990. Copies are available on the Headquarters Third Floor Press Racks, as well as through Documents Distribution.

SOUVENIR ITEMS

United Nations Chocolates. 16-piece box of chocolates bearing the raised emblem of the United Nations. Discount price: $5.50 and, for a more elaborate box, $6.00, to staff and others with UN grounds passes. Available from the DPI Public Services Section Counter, First Basement Public Concourse.

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